

# Programs

SPRING/SUMMER 2009

*All programs take place at Croydon Creek Nature Center*

## Adult Trips

Resident and non-resident registration for trips begins upon receipt of the Winter Guide. A letter with specific information will be mailed to participants one week prior to each trip. Most outdoor activities require some degree of physical fitness. If you are unsure of your abilities, need tips on how to dress or have any other questions, call 240-314-8770. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Go Green Lecture series

**May 20: Rain Barrels**  
**June 3: Planting for Wildlife**

### Women on the Move

**AT #2 High Rock to Route 77**  
Apr 26 Ages: 16+ \$37/\$46  
See Buzzard's Knob outcroppings, eat a packed lunch at Little Antietam Creek, scramble over Devils Racecourse rock formations and pass a spruce forest. This portion of the Appalachian Trail features six and a half miles of moderate terrain with some hills. Cost includes leadership and transportation. Register by 4/14.

**C&O Bike #2 Paw-Paw Tunnel to Hancock**  
May 9 Ages: 16+ \$37/\$46  
This 32-mile stretch begins at the historic Paw Paw Tunnel that took 14 years to build! We'll stop for lunch in Little Orleans and end in the Hancock, where you can visit the C&O Canal Visitor's Center. The cost includes leadership and transportation of you and your bike. Register by 4/24.

**Hike Cunningham Falls**  
May 17 \$26/\$35  
Ease into a more active lifestyle with a three-mile hike in the Catoctin Mountains. Follow our experienced leader to Cunningham Falls. The cost includes transportation and leadership. Register by 5/1.

**Frederick Watershed Hike**  
May 30 Ages: 16+ \$31/\$40  
Put on your hiking boots and head up to the Frederick watershed for an 8-mile circuit hike. This is a moderately difficult route over hilly and rocky terrain. The views should be spectacular. Bring your own picnic lunch. Cost includes transportation and leadership. Register by 5/15.

**Sail the Chesapeake**  
June 6 Ages: 16+ \$  
Watch the afternoon sailboat races on Chesapeake Bay on board the beautiful 74-foot Schooner Woodwind. Raise the sails, steer the boat, or just sit back, relax and let the crew do all the work. After the afternoon sail, a dinner or snack are on your own at any of the local restaurants/stops around the Annapolis Dock. Cost includes sailing, transportation, and leadership. Register by 5/15.

**C&O #3 Biking Hancock to Williamsport**  
June 20 Ages: 16+ \$37/\$46  
This 30-mile bike ride will have you cruising through historical sites and beautiful scenery. Bike from Hancock to Fort Frederick State Park and finish the ride in Williamsport. Cost includes transportation of you and your bike, and leadership. Register by 6/5.

**AT Hike #3 Route 77 to Route 40**  
June 27 Ages: 16+ \$37/\$46  
See the remains of the Black Rock Hotel, a 1900's gambling house. After lunch at Black Rock, hike on to the panoramic view and see the freshwater springs at Annapolis Rocks. This 9.4-mile hike covers moderately difficult terrain with steep and rocky areas. Register by 6/12.

**All Adult Trips  
leave from  
Rockville City Hall.**

### Eco-Explorers

9am-5pm  
Come to the Nature Center once school ends for hands-on activities, hikes, and trips. A letter will be sent detailing what to wear, what to bring, and the day's activities. Register by 6/5.

#### National Aquarium

Ages: 8-12 June 17 \$42/\$48  
Over 16,000 animals live at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Join us for a fun filled day exploring sea creatures from around the world.

#### Croydon Creek Explorations

Ages: 7-12 June 18 \$30/\$36  
Investigate the habitats around the nature center with activities like the creek crawl, life under a log, and plant dissections.

#### Scavenger Hunts

Ages 8-12 June 19 \$35/\$40  
Join us for a day at Black Hills Regional Park where we'll ride a pontoon boat and complete a wildlife scavenger hunt. We will also try geocaching, a scavenger hunt with handheld GPS units.

#### Polliwog Adventures

10am-11am Adult/Child  
Each week explore a new topic in natural history. Through stores, short hikes, games, and activities your little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment.

**Honeybees Buzz** June 26  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Turtle Time** Jul 2  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Insects Around Us** Jul 10  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Feathered Friends** Jul 16  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Frogs and Toads** Jul 24  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Super Snakes** Jul 30  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Flower Fun** Aug 7  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Marvelous Mammals** Aug 13  
10-11am \$7/\$8

**Terrific Trees** Aug 20  
10-11am \$7/\$8

### Tiny Tot Walks

#### Slimy Salamanders

May 21 \$6/\$7 10:30-11:15am  
There are about 500 species of the salamander worldwide. Join us at the nature center to learn about some salamander species that call Maryland home through a story, hands on activities and a craft.

#### Buzzing Bees

Jun 18 \$6/\$7 10:30-11:15am  
Honeybees are our most important pollinators and pollinate about 80% of plants. Buzz on down to the nature center to learn more about these interesting creatures through stories, hands on activities and a craft.

### Tyke Hikes

#### Salamander Science

May 21 \$6/\$7 1-2pm  
Salamanders are amphibians and the cousins of frogs and toads. Come to the nature center to learn more about these slimy critters through hands on activities, a story and a craft.

#### Bees, Please

Jun 18 \$6/\$7 1-2pm  
Approximately one third of a human's diet is made up of things pollinated by honeybees. Fly on down to the nature center to learn more about these essential creatures through a story, hands on activities and a craft.

### Junior Naturalists

#### Mini-Bioblitz

May 13 \$12/\$14 4-5:30pm  
A bio-blitz is a detailed inventory of living organisms in a specified area. We will do a count of the plants and animals on a designated sample plot in the John Hayes Forest Preserve. We'll discuss the results of our inventory and compare them to results collected last fall.

#### Watersheds

Jun 10 \$12/\$14 4-5:30pm  
We will define the function and importance of watersheds in our world and, in particular, take a look at how Croydon Creek fits in to the overall Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### Children's Programs

#### Toad Abodes

Ages 7+  
May 2 \$12/\$14 10-11:30am  
Toads are natural pest control agents; a single toad can eat hundreds of unwanted insects in your garden every year. Come to the nature center and make a home for your amphibious friends!

#### Mother's Day Craft

Ages: 3+  
May 2 \$7/\$9 1-2:30pm  
Give Mom a special gift on Mother's Day. Learn about animal moms and create a surprise present for Mom. If under age 6, bring an adult to help you.

#### Father's Day Craft

Ages: 3+  
June 13 \$7/\$9 10-11:30am  
Celebrate Father's Day by making a gift. Learn about animal fathers and make a surprise present you can give your Dad on his special day. If under age 6, bring an adult to help you.

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### Croydon Campfires

#### Owls

All ages May 16 \$4/\$5 7pm-8pm  
Owls are one of the most well known hunters of the night. Join us for a campfire and to learn about some of Maryland's five owl species. All participants must register in advance. All ages welcome.

#### Fireflies

All ages June 6 \$4/\$5 7:30-8:30pm  
The glow from fireflies lights up warm evening skies. Gather around the campfire to learn more about these amazing animals and to enjoy a campfire treat. All participants must register in advance.



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